

House Resolution No. 3599

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, particularly its educational institutions; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Mark Twain Elementary School, which has been selected as a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization of the Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Elementary School will receive its 2008 Missouri School of Character award during the 14th Annual Character Education Conference, which will be held between July 16 and July 18, 2008, in downtown St. Louis; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Elementary School is well respected and recognized for building a trusting and caring community among a diverse student body; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Elementary School students excel academically, consistently meet AYP, are role models for each other, and build intrinsic motivation; and

Whereas, "families", groups with students from K-5, meet once a month to view film clips and discuss the character issues they raise; and student teams write and present morning televised broadcasts, including a character message; and

Whereas, the elected Character Council sets goals, researches service projects, and plans Spirit Days; and frequent and creative buddy projects foster caring relationships between students and strengthen academic and technology skills; and

Whereas, students of all ages are comfortable with class meetings, setting norms, deciding on service projects, and solving thorny problems, and a Parent Advisory Group meets regularly with the principal; and

Whereas, teachers serve on Social Justice cadres and join support staff as "Navigator Pals" in one-on-one continuing relationships with students facing challenging situations:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Principal Karen Smith, the students, administration, faculty, and staff of Mark Twain Elementary School on the illustrious occasion of being named a 2008 Missouri School of Character by the CHARACTERplus organization ; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mark Twain Elementary School.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3599, adopted July 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker